

Application No. 10/662,577
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AMENDMENTS

In the Drawings

Please replace the first two sheets, containing FIGS. 1-4, with the attached Replacement Sheets, which have been duly annotated as "Prior Art".

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 8, cancel claims 3-4 and 13-14, and add new claims 15-18 as follows. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1 **1.** (Presently Amended) A plate comprising:

2 a central surface for holding food;

3 a perimeter rim which extends upward from the central surface; ~~and~~

4 a lip which extends downward from the perimeter rim until the lip is substantially
5 coplanar with the central surface; and

6 a plurality of pinch grips each including a first side extending outward from the central
7 surface of the plate and a second side extending inward from an outer perimeter of the plate,
8 wherein the first side comprises an outward extending indentation in the perimeter rim and the
9 second side comprises an inward extending indentation in the lip.

1 2. (Original) The plate of claim 1 wherein:

2 the lip extends downward below the central surface.

1 3. (Cancelled)

1 4. (Cancelled)

1 5. (Original) The plate of claim 1 wherein:

2 the plate is manufactured of paper.

1 6. (Original) The plate of claim 1 wherein:

2 the plate is manufactured of plastic.

1 7. (Original) The plate of claim 6 wherein:

2 the plate is manufactured of foamed plastic.

1 **8.** (Currently Amended) A disposable plate comprising:

2 a central, substantially planar surface;

3 a rounded rim which extends upward from the central, substantially planar surface; ~~and~~

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4 a lip which extends downward from the rounded rim until the lip is substantially coplanar
5 with the central, substantially planar surface; and

6 a plurality of pinch grips each including a first side extending outward from the central
7 surface of the plate and a second side extending inward from an outer perimeter of the plate,
8 wherein the first side comprises an outward extending indentation in the rounded rim and the
9 second side comprises an inward extending indentation in the lip;

10 whereby, when the disposable plate is placed on a flat surface, the lip is substantially in
11 contact with the flat surface, reducing an ability of wind to lift the disposable plate off the flat
12 surface.

1 9. (Original) The disposable plate of claim 8 wherein the disposable plate comprises paper.

1 10. (Original) The disposable plate of claim 8 wherein the disposable plate comprises plastic.

1 11. (Original) The disposable plate of claim 10 wherein the disposable plate comprises foamed
2 plastic.

1 12. (Original) The disposable plate of claim 8 wherein:

2 the lip extends beyond the central, substantially planar surface, whereby the lip will be
3 held against the flat surface under tension of the rounded rim when food is placed on the central,
4 substantially planar surface.

1 13. (Cancelled)

1 14. (Cancelled)

1 15. (New) The disposable plate of claim 1 wherein:

2 the inward extending indentation in the lip stops short of a bottom edge of the lip.

1 16. (New) The disposable plate of claim 15 wherein:

2 a bottom extent of the outwardly extending indentation in the perimeter rim is coplanar
3 with the central surface of the plate.

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1 17. (New) The disposable plate of claim 8 wherein:
2 a bottom extent of the outwardly extending indentation in the rounded rim is coplanar
3 with the central surface of the plate.

1 18. (New) The disposable plate of claim 17 wherein:
2 the inward extending indentation in the lip stops short of a bottom edge of the lip.